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SUBJ: GREEK REACTION TO ALLEGED REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT
ROCKEFELLER

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1. LOCAL GREEK PRESS APRIL 19, IN RARE DISPLAY UNANIMITY, EXPLODED IN WRATHFUL COMMENT AGAINST ALLEGED PRO-TURKISH REMARKS BY VP ROCKEFELLER. DAILIES EMBELLISHED QUICK RIPOSTES BY MAVROS, PAPANDREOU WITH PERSONAL VENOM AGAINST ROCKEFELLER, FORD, AND KISSINGER. MOST GALLING "REMARK" WAS THAT GREEKS SHOULD THANK TURKS FOR RIDDING THEM OF JUNTA; SEVERAL PAPERS POINTED OUT THAT CIA HAD BROUGHT JUNTA TO GREECE IN FIRST PLACE.

2. SEPARATELY, PAPERS AND GOC MEDIA HAVE PLAYED UP STATEMENT FROM AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE, ISSUED IN NAME OF GENERAL VAN FLEET, SUPPORTING GREECE OVER TURKEY (REF C).

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3. COMMENT: USG WILL TAKE A BEATING IN GREEK CIRCLES OVER ROCKE-

FELLER STORY. REGARDLESS OF WHAT VP ACTUALLY SAID, PRESS ACCOUNTS INEVITABLY REINFORCE DEEPLY-HELD BELIEF THAT USG TILTS TOWARD TURKEY BY TAKING HOSTILE STAND TOWARD GREEKS. THIS IS NONPARTISAN ELEMENT OF GREEK CYPRIOT CREED. END COMMENT.

4. PLEASE CABLE TEXT OF WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE.
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